

Today

We Die, to Start Again.  
A Hard World, Kind Friends.  
Big Fish Escape.  
Suicide From Pain.

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Old Clemenceau, aged eighty, victorious at the end of a long fighting life, predicts his own death within a year. He makes the prediction cheerfully, which amazes those that do not understand such a character.

Clemenceau is a man that has finished a race, and won. He does not want to sit around forever talking about it. A little rest and then a start in another race is what he wants, and that is what the grave gives us all.

To live hard, work and fight hard, then die to start again as soon as useful days are ended, is what men should want. Not forgetting, however, that the last years of useful thought and wise advising are among the most useful working years.

President Harding is sending by flying machine warning to the fighting armed bands of miners in West Virginia. In spite of the President's warning, shooting was going on yesterday afternoon.

British troops and the natives are still fighting in India. Hatred among different kinds of natives is the white man's asset.

Martial law, fighting and killing continue in Belfast.

And Eugene Lowe, an actor, says his wife calls up from the past deep spirits named "Red Feather" and "Little Flower." These spirits have driven him to the bootleg saloon. It is a difficult world for everybody.

Senator Smoot, of Utah, who knows as much about American business as anybody, has a taxation plan.

The main feature is a 3 per cent sales tax. He says the plan would supply all money the Government needs. It appears to be demonstrated, with tens of millions of securities free from income tax floating around, that big incomes cannot be made to support the Government. Therefore the little people and the sales tax will have to do it, for the Government must be supported.

An interesting case for those that perpetually discuss suicide, its rights and wrongs:

The Rev. W. Haythornawite was painfully injured while 180 miles from a railroad in Canada. His shoulder was fractured; he could not be moved or helped; suffering excruciating pain. Pre-arranging death, he shot himself. What would you say of that suicide? Was it courage or cowardice? Was it a sin, or a proper decision for himself whether to live or die?

This will interest farmers, all those that raise chickens on big or little scale. Seeds of the holyhock are the best possible food for chickens in cold weather. Plant them in the chicken yard. They will supply shade in summer, seeds in winter. Chickens will get exercise jumping up to pull out the seeds.

Also there is a Russian giant sunflower that grows fifteen feet high and has flowers weighing ten pounds each. Justice Montgomery, of Oneco, Conn., has some. You can use the stalks for bean poles.

With the right environment everyone is excited about injustice and fusses about it. A man, electrocuted the other day, said he was innocent. Perhaps he was, perhaps not. He started his speech in the deathroom, with the electric chair facing him. They forced him into the chair and killed him while he was still speech-making and praying.

Now come long editorials asking New Jersey's governor why he did not interfere.

Every year 25,000 women die in childbirth, and 20,000 of them might be saved by Government interference. No one gets excited about that, for out of the way places, far from doctors or midwives. Put one of these mothers in a great hall, let her die publicly, where thousands can see her, and observe the outcry. Imagination is lacking.

## WEATHER

Fair and continued warm tonight and Friday. Gentle variable winds. Temperature at 8 a. m., 78 degrees.

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## Full Disarmament Is Impossible---Harding

## AIR FLEET ORDERED TO W. VA. BATTLEFIELD

## Small Cotton Crop Forecast

## CONDITION IS LOWEST ON RECORD

Unfavorable Weather and Ravages of Insects General in South.

"Everything seems to have gone wrong with the cotton crop," the Bureau of Crop Estimates announced today. The general condition of cotton declined 18.4 points during the month ending August 25, and the present figure—49.3 per cent—is the lowest record of any month.

**Decline Seems General.**  
The damage has been greatest in the area from Central Oklahoma to North Central Texas. The fall in condition amounting to 25 to 30 points. Declines of from 10 to 20 points are shown for southern South Carolina, for Georgia, northern Alabama, the Delta section of Mississippi and throughout the belt west of the Mississippi river, except in the northern edge where some slight improvement occurred.

Not more than a third of a crop is promised in northern Texas. In southern and central South Carolina the promise is for less than a third and in some counties not more than 10 per cent of a crop. The central belt of Georgia and most of east and south Texas promise about a third.

**Army Worm Destructive.**  
The mild winter is held responsible for sparing an unusual number of weevils as well as other pests, which have multiplied beyond measures, and are devastating the new growth in virtually all the areas of the present range. The army worm is present in large numbers throughout most of Arkansas, Tennessee and north-Mississippi. Boll worms and the usual pests are present in greater numbers than usual, but their damage is small in comparison with the weevil.

The northern edges of the cotton belt, from Virginia and North Carolina through Tennessee, northern Arkansas and northern Oklahoma, promise about two-thirds of a crop. Mississippi and the northern portions of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina still forecast better than half a crop.

**The condition by States follows:**  
Virginia, 63; North Carolina, 62; South Carolina, 59; Georgia, 41; Florida, 42; Alabama, 53; Mississippi, 57; Louisiana, 45; Texas, 42; Arkansas, 63; Tennessee, 74; Missouri, 78; Oklahoma, 45; California, 53; Arizona, 55; other, 55.

**MAXIM GORKY ARRESTED.**  
**RELIEF BODY DISSOLVED.**  
The All-Russian Relief Committee, headed by Maxim Gorky, today has been dissolved, according to announcement by the Soviet Russian mission at Helsingfors. The State Department was advised today. Press dispatches had reported that the Gorky committee had been placed under arrest.

**LEHIGH VALLEY COAL CO.**  
**BOOSTS ANTHRACITE PRICE.**  
HAZELTON, Pa., Sept. 1.—The Lehigh Valley Coal Company today advanced the retail price of anthracite coal 10 cents a ton, bringing the present price up to quotations of last April. Today's new price will remain in effect for the fall and winter. A 50-cent cut was made in the spring to encourage summer buying when the mines are slack on orders.

## Tokens Are 5 For 35 Cents Today

You can buy five of 'em for 35 cents today.

Yesterday street car passengers, in anticipation of the reduction in fare rates, refused to purchase tokens, the sale of which took a fearful slump.

But today the boom is on, following the first car fare rate reduction here since the beginning of the war.

Beyond the District line, however, can be heard wailing and the gnashing of teeth. The reduction does not apply there.

## DISARM PARLEY DELEGATES TO BE ALLOWED LIQUOR

U. S. Prohibition Officials Will Make No Attempt to Stop Expected Flow of Rum.

Prohibition officials will make no attempt to keep the forthcoming disarmament conference "dry." It was officially announced at the Treasury Department today.

Prohibition officials hold that liquor for delegates to the disarmament conference must be permitted, diplomatic immunity and all recommendations of the State Department for permission for liquor to enter the United States will have the approval of the Treasury Department.

ADD ONE

## BRITAIN CUTS SALARIES TO CELEBRATE WAR END

LONDON, Sept. 1.—With the technical end of the state of war for Great Britain at midnight last night came a cut in the wages and salaries of employees of the government approximating 500,000 pounds sterling weekly.

The bonuses of all classes of civil servants, based on the cost of living, will be reduced considerably.

## Jail for Liquor Sale.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Sept. 1.—Three months in the county jail and a fine of \$300 was the sentence imposed on John Massucci, a hotel keeper, of Bound Brook, for illegal selling. Massucci had previously been convicted of violating the Volstead act and been fined.

## PRESIDENT SAYS WARS WON'T END

Burdens of Armament Will Be Diminished Only, He Tells War College Students.

President Harding, in an address here today to members of the entering class of the Army War College, declared that "no matter where the best aspirations of the world may lead us, there may never be a time when there will be no necessity for armed forces."

## Will Always Be Wars.

"There is coming a time," the President said, "when burdens of armament will be diminished. I wish it with all my heart, but it is perfectly futile to believe that there never may be armed conflicts."

"The two essentials for the progress of civilization," the President continued, "are understanding among men at home and no conflict among nations." He referred to the present disturbances in West Virginia, explaining this was a result of misunderstandings between "men at home."

"We should not have any conflict like that," the President added. "It is due to lack of understanding."

## Reiterates His Pledge.

President Harding reiterated his pledge that during the time he served as Chief Executive "you military men will never be called into service for any work that you cannot enter into with all your hearts and souls as Americans."

The President advised the officers to promote "fuller understanding" between the people in the United States and in other countries so that "you never will be drawn into a conflict."

Gen. John J. Pershing, chief of staff, who spoke to the officers in advance of the President, discussed the technical phases of their training in the War College.

The advantages of a technical education were also stressed by Secretary of War Weeks.

## How William F. McCombs Changed the Course of History By Refusing to Withdraw Woodrow Wilson's Name

As a Candidate for the Presidential Nomination at the Baltimore Convention

Intimate details of how William Jennings Bryan, clad in his brown undershirt and baggy trousers and with his sparse hair tousled, demanded that the nomination be given to him.

READ THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF  
"How I Made Woodrow Wilson President"

The Washington Times  
SUNDAY MORNING



The above map shows the region in West Virginia where striking coal miners have arisen in what amounts to civil war and where defenders comprising sheriffs' forces, State police and legionnaires have rallied as defenders. Reports filter-

ing in say that 100 men were killed in a furious battle which raged all day Wednesday and was renewed early this morning.

The arrow shows the route taken by the miners in their march through Boone county to the firing line.

which is indicated by star. The circle shows headquarters of sheriffs, State police and volunteers at Logan, in Logan county.

In Cabell county the point where the strikers massed is indicated by a square.

## LONDON EDITOR SUGGESTS IRISH VOTE ON PEACE

H. Wickham Steed Back From Trip to Vancouver With Northcliffe.

By H. K. REYNOLDS  
International News Service.

The suggestion that the Irish people be given an opportunity to determine by referendum their attitude toward the various demands and peace proposals of Eamon de Valera and Premier Lloyd George in their negotiations to solve the age-old Irish problem was made here today by H. Wickham Steed, editor of the London Times, who stopped for a few hours in Washington on his way from Vancouver to New York and Quebec.

Steed is hopeful.

"I am still very hopeful," Steed said, "that the negotiations between the British government and the Sinn Fein will be successful that peace can once more be established in Ireland. I believe that the sentiment of the Irish people on the stand taken by de Valera and the counter-proposal of Lloyd George should be expressed in the form of a referendum before a definite and final settlement of the Irish question is reached."

Steed expressed the opinion that negotiations between the two leaders could be undertaken either in Scotland or elsewhere if the latest fighting in Belfast did not operate to disturb the situation further.

He explained, however, that Belfast was so far away from the scenes of

other disturbances that it was unlikely that the trouble there would affect the general problem of Irish peace.

"They have their own local feelings and hatreds in Belfast," Steed said. "It is very different than the rest of Ireland. It is impossible, though, to discuss the Belfast trouble with accuracy, because I do not know how it started. One would have to be on the ground to get the real facts."

**Here With Northcliffe.**

Steed came to Washington several weeks ago with Lord Northcliffe, the British publisher, and accompanied him as far as Vancouver on his trip around the world. He expressed delight today all he had seen of the United States, but said that he failed to understand the mine war now reported to be raging in West Virginia.

"It seems to me, though," Steed added, "that your officials there have handled the situation admirably."

## YOUNG MAN DROWNED

GOING TO GIRL'S RESCUE

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Sept. 1.—Antonio Cole, twenty, a life guard, was drowned yesterday when he tried to rescue Miss Doris Sterns, of New York. The girl was saved. She was caught in an undercurrent and screamed for help.

Cole went to her aid. He had reached her side when he was apparently seized with a cramp and was carried out to sea. The young woman was rescued by lifeguards in a boat.

## TWO KILLED AS TRUCK WITH DANCERS CRASHES

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Sept. 1.—Two persons were killed and several seriously injured early today when two motor trucks filled with negroes returning from a dance collided on Camp Parole road, near this city.

The dead are William Hampton and Clara Johnson. The first truck stopped to let off a passenger and the second vehicle crashed into it at full speed.

## ITALY ACCEPTS INVITATION TO ARMS PARLEY

Work on Agenda Expected to Be Taken Up by Interested Powers.

The United States today received acceptance from Italy of President Harding's formal invitation for an international conference on disarmament and Far Eastern policies.

The Italian acceptance is the last one to be received, all other invited powers having previously announced their acceptance.

No formal note was received by the State Department, but the Italian foreign office officially advised American Ambassador Child of the acceptance. Negotiations are now well under way for the preliminaries of the conference, and with the acceptance of Italy it is expected that in a short time the size of the various delegations will have been fixed and the matter of agenda taken up for informal discussions between the invited powers.

## KNICKERS FOR WOMEN

ADVERTISED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—One of Chicago's largest wholesale clothing houses for men today extensively advertised knickerbockers for women for general wear. The advertisement pointed out the desirability of knickerbockers for women for business and street wear.

## AVIATORS WILL DROP BOMBS ON MARCHERS

Fifty Miners Believed Killed in Attack on Machine Gun Nest Near Madison.

Madison, W. Va., Sept. 1.—Fifty miners are reported killed or badly wounded in renewed fighting at Blair this morning. The report was brought back from the front by two men, both wounded. The detachment is said to have attacked a machine gun nest on Blair mountain.

**CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 1.**—Persons coming into Charleston today reported that all train service over the Chesapeake and Ohio branch from St. Albans, up the river has been suspended because of armed bands.

**LOGAN, W. Va., Sept. 1.**—"The miners have either retreated, or are planning an aggressive action on a big scale."

This was the official statement of Col. W. E. Eubank, commander of the citizens army at 9:30 a. m. today.

A squadron of thirteen aeroplanes was today ordered by Secretary of War Weeks to proceed to West Virginia, to be used by the Government in the event of establishment of martial law in the trouble zones of the West Virginia coal fields.

The aeroplanes are under orders to proceed from Langley Field, Va.

## Decision Yet To Come.

The Secretary said these orders could not be construed as indicative that the Government has decided to send troops into West Virginia. The final decision has not yet been made, he said.

Troop trains are ready at Camp Sherman, however, and the Government is ready to act if General Bandholtz advises it, the Secretary said.

Secretary Weeks today sent orders to the commanding officer at Camp Dix to prepare another regiment of Infantry for immediate service in West Virginia. This will make two regiments at Camp Dix under orders to stand by to proceed to West Virginia, and one regiment at Camp Sherman, Ohio.

## Denies Bombing Miners.

The army air service today denied any knowledge of reports that an aeroplane had dropped a bomb on the armed miners yesterday. It was stated that there were no reports to show that an army plane was flying in West Virginia yesterday.

Plans have been laid before Secretary of War Weeks for aerial raids on the armed bands with tear gas and nauseating gases. The Secretary said, however, that this was a matter of military detail and would not state whether orders had been issued for the use of these weapons in dispersing the mobs.

The plans proposed would provide for large supplies of tear gas and nauseating gas to be used in bombs dropped by the aviators on the armed forces below. It was stated that the bombs could be so handled that the gases would sweep wide areas, and that the consequent result would be the scattering of the forces, which would be unable to withstand the effects of the gas. It is claimed that there would be no permanent physical effects from the gases.

## Hopes to Avoid Intervention.

Secretary Weeks was still hopeful today that Federal intervention might be avoided. He said that the only reports he had received from West Virginia today were despatched last night by Major Thompson and stated that the situation was quiet.

The War Department has received official confirmation of the death of one man during the recent fighting. Deputy Sheriff Gore was reported killed and there were unconfirmed reports of other deaths.

Secretary Weeks was deluged with telegrams today from West Virginia citizens predicting great bloodshed.